

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendment and following remarks are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 10, 12 and 19-20 are amended, and claims 11 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 10 is amended to include the features of claims 11 and 18. No new matter has been added. After entry of this Amendment, claims 10, 12-17 and 19-20 will remain pending in the patent application.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not present any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search as the amendments merely amplify issues discussed throughout the prosecution; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of this Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 11-12 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 11 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the rejection of these claims. Claim 10 has been amended to positively recite that the circuit board is a circuit board of a plug-in unit and that the lifting element comprises a grip surface. Applicant notes that the amendments to claim 10 obviate the rejections of dependent claims 12 and 19-20. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 10 – 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Kato *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,307,041) (“Kato”) in view of Kiesel *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 4,623,865) (“Kiesel”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 11 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the rejection of these claims.

Claim 10 is patentable over Kato at least because this claim recites a noise suppressor unit for a power source module wherein, *inter alia*, the grip surface of the lifting element is located farther away from the holder than the outermost point of the common mode choke.

Kato does not disclose a unit including this feature. Kato discloses a coil component comprising a support having a pair of tapered projections 1h. (See col. 1, lines 52-55, and col. 3, lines 33-36). In Kato, however, the tapered projections 1h (identified as the “lifting element” in the Office Action) are not located farther away from the support (identified as the “holder” in the Office Action) than the coil element 4, as can be seen in FIG. 2C. Kato is in fact silent about tapered projections that are located farther away from the support than the coil element.

Kiesel does not remedy the deficiency of Kato. Kiesel discloses a sensing current transformer having a single turn primary winding for ground fault circuit interrupters and breakers. (See Abstract). Kiesel further discloses that the transformer includes a coil 17 located on a base 23, which includes a cylinder portion 22 (identified as “the lifting element” in the Office Action). Kiesel is, however, silent about a grip surface or a cylinder portion that is located farther away from the base 23 (identified as the “holder” in the Office Action) than the coil 17. On the contrary, in Kiesel, the coil 17 is located farther away from the base 23 than the cylinder portion 22, as can be seen in FIGS. 2 and 5. Therefore, even assuming it would have been obvious to combine the references, which Applicant does not concede, the combination of Kato and Kiesel would not have resulted in the invention of claim 10. Claims 12-17 and 19-20 are patentable by virtue of their dependency from claim 1, and for the additional features recited therein.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10, 12-17, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Kato in view of Kiesel are respectfully requested.


III. Conclusion

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant requests issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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